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AF/W FOR AMBASSADOR TODMAN

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SUBJECT : GUINEA'S REQUEST FOR PL-480

REF: CONAKRY 1131

1. HAVE JUST RECEIVED NOTE SIGNED BY FON MINISTER ANSWERING AMBASSADOR'S LETTER TO MINISTER EXCHANGES REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR VISIT BY ANOTHER AMERICAN OFFICER BEFORE DECISION CAN BE MADE ON GUINEA' PL-480 TITLE II REQUEST (REFTEL). WHILE NEITHER APPROVING NOR REJECTING REQUEST, NOTE SAYS THAT MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS "DOES NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO SEND AN EXPERT TO THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA TO EXAMINE THE BASIS OF THE AID REQUEST PREPARED BY THE GUINEAN GOVERNMENT."

2. IN ABSENCE OF MINISTER EXCHANGES WHO HAS BEEN AWAY FROM HIS OFFICE SINCE JULY 16 BECAUSE OF ILLNESS, CHARGE ASKED
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FOR APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER WHO FILLING IN FOR

HIM TO DISCUSS URGENT MATTER AND TO EXPLAIN AGAIN IMPORTANCE OF VISIT, TO ASSURE MINISTER THAT VISIT IS GENERAL REQUIREMENT FOR ALL COUNTRIES AND TO SEEK APPROVAL. FOREIGN MINISTER TIED UP IN CABINET MEETING TODAY BUT HIS SECRETARY HAS PROMISED APPOINTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON FRIDAY OR SATURDAY (CABINET MEETING SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE TOMORROW MORNING).

3. WOULD ONLY LIKE TO ADD TO REFTELS THAT IMPOSING REQUIREMENT OF ADDITIONAL VISIT AT ANYTIME AND PARTICULARLY AT THIS STAGE IS LIKELY TO GIVE RISE TO GRAVE SUSPICIONS ABOUT ULTERIOR MOTIVES ON OUR PART. GIVEN PRESIDENT TOURE'S INSISTENCE ON PRIDE AND HONOR THROUGHOUT HIS POLITICAL LIFE AND HIS APPREHENSION OVER FOREIGNERS TRAVELING IN THE INTERIOR OUR REQUEST MUST SEEM LIKE WE ARE IGNORING WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN GUINEA SINCE 1958. GIVEN DAMAGE DONE TO OUR RELATIONS BY NEARLY TWO MONTHS' DELAY IN REPLYING TO URGENT PRESIDENTIAL PLEA FOR HELP TO FEED NEEDY DROUGHT VICTIMS BELIEVE IT IS NOW IN OUR BEST INTEREST TO RECOVER GROUND WE HAVE LOST BY MAKING AT LEAST TOKEN SHIPMENT RIGHT AWAY AND IF AT ALL POSSIBLE WITHIN LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS DROPPING REQUEST FOR VISIT.
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